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No autumnal equinox today & autumn begins at 3:33 P.M. That fact was reported to me by PWP a few days ago in a letter. I must note the exact moment of autumn's arrival. "Deep in December our hearts should remember the kind of September that made us mellow..."

Two days ago, 9-20-84, WSP went out looking for purple gentian to transplant over by the "grave" across from the Golf Course. He found a large quantity and transplanted it. At the same time, he picked a bouquet of purple gentian and they are now on the center of the kitchen table at the golf course. WSP is very involved in the season & it is not surprising, therefore, that his children should also be so involved.

9:25 A.M. and no wood-cutting crew; which is fine with me because it allows me the time to set down these words to paper.

Last night John brought out a flag that he designed and had his buddy's autograph while he was at Fort Benning. There are about 20 Yearbook-type statements written in black laundry pen on the white ^{bed} sheet banner. In the center of the sheet is a very large and very menacing drill sergeant, which John designed & colored in in marker pen. Very impressive.

I will photograph the flag and John very shortly.

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Yesterday a George Ready from Carbondale stopped me in the Carbondale Public Library and asked me if I had a copy of Alice Rashleigh's "Carbondale, My Carbondale" that he could borrow and read.

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I will lend him my copy. "AVK, je pense à vous."

Hei, I purchased at the Salvation Army a pair of what John describes as paratrooper pants -- #4.19.

They are wonderfully balloon-like in the legs & have pockets on them everywhere. They will be my winter in-house pants, I believe. When Job arrived here his son, he was wearing an orange back pack that he bought for \$2.00 at the Goodwill Store yesterday. We both showed the other our latest acquisitions in the Camping/military gear field.

John seemed ^{his son} more distanced from his idea to move in here than he was a day or two ago. He is, I believe, concerned that there is no shower & no flush toilet. As tough as he is, he does like his creature comforts. He offered suggestions as to how a shower & a flush toilet might be installed at very little expense and trouble. He also offered suggestions as to the construction of a sleeping loft above the double-door. He wants to make it larger than I do. We shall see what happens.

John is starting to have problems with his parents again and so he is interested in getting out of 46 Canyon. I'm not sure that he is convinced that he can successfully handle living in Eckdall Hall or things now are here. One thing is certain -- he can move in whenever he wants to. That option will always be available to him. Whether or not he decides to exercise that option is entirely up to him.